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1. The amendment filed 11/23/11 has been entered.
2. The previously pending rejections are withdrawn in view of the cancellation of claims that have been cancelled and applicants arguments.
3. Regarding applicants comments about the references that were not considered on previously filed IDS statements, said references were lacking pertinent information as per noted on the IDS.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ron Schwadron, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571)272-0851. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30-6:00 pm.

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